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Todd M. Bjork et al.

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Dear Todd:

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Enclosed for your records, please find another copy of a Status Inquiry which we have requested the status of the above-identified patent application.

When we hear further, we will let you know.

Yours very truly,

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Respectfully submitted,

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